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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Sumiaki YAMASAKI et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: January 24, 2002 )  
For: Hydrophilic Polymer Having Silane... )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly amend Claim 5, as follows.*

-- 5. (Amended) A lithographic printing plate base comprising: a support; and a hydrophilic layer containing solid particles to a surface of which a hydrophilic polymer is chemically bonded wherein the hydrophilic polymer is a polymer compound according to claim 1.

**REMARKS**

No new matter has been introduced.

The wording in Claim 5 has been amended to avoid multiple dependency.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

These changes have been made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as amended on November 7, 2000. A marked-up version of Claim 5 indicating the changes is enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up Claims**

5. [The] A lithographic printing plate base [according to claim 3,] comprising: a support: and a hydrophilic layer containing solid particles to a surface of which a hydrophilic polymer is chemically bonded wherein the hydrophilic polymer is a polymer compound according to claim 1.